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1. DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO APPROVE LANGUAGE DRAFTED BY BONN GROUP (REFTEL A) FOR BERLIN AND GERMANY PORTIONS OF NATO MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE. PROBLEM IN TEXT WHICH USBER HAS PINPOINTED CERTAINLY EXISTS, BUT MERE DELETION OF OFFENDING SENTENCE WOULD LEAVE PARAGRAPH SO SHORT AND ANODYNE THAT IT COULD LEAVE UNWARRANTED IMPRESSION THAT NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE HAS OCCURRED WITH REGARD TO BERLIN SINCE LAST NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD FAVOR REVISING PARA 2 SOMETHING

ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: QTE. AS REGARDS BERLIN MINISTERS
DISCUSSED THE FURTHER EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE APPLICATION
OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971. THEY
EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE AGREEMENT CONTINUED TO
BRING SIGNIFICANT PRACTICAL BENEFITS TO THE PEOPLE OF
BERLIN, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED STRICT
OBSERVATION AND FULL APPLICATION OF ALL THE AGREEMENT'S
PROVISIONS. IN SO DOING, THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION
THAT PROGRESS TOWARD DETENTE IN EUROPE IS LINKED INSEPARABLE
TO THE SITUATION IN BERLIN. UNQTE. KISSINGER

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